

**JANUARY 17, 2023  
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MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/5:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAU GOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS CHANTEL BINGHAM, MARY BRADLEY, LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, GARY JONES, AND ANN MILLER. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.**

**DEPT. HEADS: BART MILLER, T.A. RANKIN, ELIZABETH REYNOLDS AND ROB YOUNG WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jonathan Woolums addressed the council to complain about Code Enforcement Officer Rock Vance. Mr. Woolums noted that he owns rental property throughout the city and that he strives to keep that property maintained. He stated that Mr. Vance is relentless and has been since a run-in they had in 2020. He complained that Mr. Vance could contact him by email or phone but instead spends taxpayer funds to mail several pages of pictures of violations as well as a citation. He specifically referenced a recent confrontation the two had when Mr. Vance was off the clock. Council member Miller asked questions about a specific violation Mr. Woolums reference involving shopping carts being left on his property and she mentioned that neighbors may have cameras that could show who is leaving the shopping carts in the area. Mr. Woolums encouraged the council to terminate Mr. Vance. He stated that Mr. Vance's actions are harassment.

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, and Jones voting aye. Council member Miller abstained.

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-1 DESIGNATING COUNCIL MEMBER GARY JONES TO PRESIDE AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MAYOR.**

Council member Dake stated that in the past we selected the Council member with the most votes and that she would like to continue that. Council member Miller stated that she stands by her motion for Council member Jones to preside. Council member Johnson noted that she assumed she would be filling that role, as she was top vote getter. Council member Jones stated that he was willing to serve but that he would support Ms. Johnson if she wanted to serve.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Jones, and Miller voting aye. Bingham, Dake, and Johnson voting nay.

The Municipal Order failed to pass due to a tie.

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY DAKE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-1 DESIGNATING COUNCIL MEMBER LISA JOHNSON TO PRESIDE AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MAYOR.**

The vote was as follows: Bingham, Dake, Johnson, and Jones voting aye. Bradley and Miller voting nay.

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY BINGHAM TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LONNIE ESTES TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 3, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.**

The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.

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**MOTION BY MILLER, SECONDED BY JONES TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM MOORE AS CITY ATTORNEY FOR A TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023.**

The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.

**Mayor Miscellaneous**

Mayor Traugott praised the Public Works, Fire, Police, and Dispatch for their work during the frigid temperatures and treacherous roads.

He reiterated his praise for the Christmas events and decorations throughout downtown Versailles.

He noted that next Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, is an all day council retreat in the Versailles Police Department community room. The agenda for the meeting includes informational presentations from all department directors and there will be Executive Session on the agenda to go over current real estate and/or litigation issues with the Council. He stated that it is an open meeting and the public is welcome to attend. He also noted that there will not be a work session that evening.

Mayor Traugott stated that the regular Council Meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> will include an argument-style hearing regarding the zoning map amendment request for Springs of Versailles, LLC.

Mayor Traugott distributed the Council committee appointments for the next two years, which are as follows:

Administrative and Legal – Laura Dake (chair), Mary Bradley, Chantel Bingham  
Downtown/Tourism/Communication – Chantel Bingham (chair), Laura Dake, Gary Jones  
Finance – Gary Jones (chair), Laura Dake, Lisa Johnson  
Public Safety – Mary Bradley (chair), Chantel Bingham, Ann Miller  
Streets and Stormwater – Ann Miller (chair), Lisa Johnson, Gary Jones  
Water and Sanitary Sewer – Lisa Johnson (chair), Mary Bradley, Ann Miller

**Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

Council member Dake stated that the Downtown Revitalization Project Design met today at 12:30pm and will meet again tonight at 6:30pm. She noted that everyone is invited and encouraged to attend to see the draft designs for the downtown project.

Council member Johnson stated that the Building Standards and Downtown Development ad hoc committee will meet January 5, 2023 at 5:00pm in the Versailles Municipal Building.

Council member Miller noted that she has a new City email but that she is having issues receiving messages.

**Department Directors**

Mayor Traugott welcomed Melissa Patrick from the Woodford Sun.

Assistant Police Chief Rob Young wished everyone a Happy New Year and recognized Woodford County Fire for their recent assistance when Versailles Police Officers were responding to a call and their vehicles became trapped in the flood waters.

Assistant Chief Young presented a request to surplus a duty weapon for purchase by recently retired Officer Allen Leigh. He noted that the Glock Model 17 had been appraised and has a fair market value of \$315.00.

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**MOTION BY BRADLEY, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SURPLUS  
A GLOCK MODEL 17 DUTY WEAPON AND SELL TO RETIRED POLICE OFFICER ALLEN  
LEIGH FOR A FAIR MARKET VALUE PRICE OF \$315.00.**

**The vote was as follows: Bingham, Bradley, Dake, Johnson, Jones, and Miller voting aye.**

**Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.**

**APPROVED:**

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**BRIAN TRAU GOTT, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**